Annual Report (for 1898) of the Medical Officer of Health to the Portishead Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman & members of the Council

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You will gather from Table A which I lay before you, that the

Area of the District is 976 acres.

Population 2700

Birth rate 18.518 the births numbering 50

Death rate 14.4 the deaths " 39

Although this is a very low death rate it exceeds that of ~~the~~ average of Portishead. The cause of this may be found in the fact that 16 were elderly persons, over 70 years and 7 " " over 80 years. And I notice that 4 of the cases were not (except for a very short period) residents of the District.

Infant mortality 80 per 1000 Births registered

Zymotic Death rate .3703 1 fatal case - that of a stranger who died of Enteric fever - It is worthy of notice that this case of death from Infectious disease is only the second case of death from any notifiable Infectious disease in this district in the last 10 years -

Water supply. The deficiency in the supply during a part of the year has received your attention and the Water Company is making provision to remedy it

The chemical and bacteriological analysis of the water has not been neglected. The result has been made known to you by your Surveyor.

The public Analyst F. W. Stoddart Esq has pronounced it quite satisfactory -

Sewerage and drainage

It is probable that the connecting of the drains with the new sewers already commenced will be completed with little delay and it is reasonable to anticipate that this will add to the acknowledged and proved Salubrity of the District.

Scavenging and House-refuse removal

are regularly attended to

the refuse being removed every week.

Prevalence of disease. It will be seen by Table B

Notification has been in force in this district since 1891 and that during the year 1898 there have been but 3 cases of infectious disease notified

1 case of Scarlatina

1 " " Erysipelas

1 " " Enteric fever

this latter the case of a stranger.

Isolation Hospital. As the district has no isolation hospital it is necessary to consider the propriety of applying to the Bristol Authority for permission to send Infectious cases to their Fever Hospital recently erected at Ham Green.

Schools, Dairies, Cowsheds, Slaughter houses & Bake-houses when last inspected were in 1 or 2 instances faulty only because of the absence of sewers to connect the drains with and that deficiency is in course of removal.

William Monckton

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Portishead Jany. 30. 1899.

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*

2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*

3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*

4. The "*Localities*" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table* (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those *registered* as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, *e.g.*, the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.

Area in Acres 976

Population (Last Census) 2600

" (Estimated to middle of 1898) 2700

Death Rates.
- General 14.4 — per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898.
- Infant (under one year of age) 80 — per 1,000 Births Registered.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

William Monckton *Medical Officer of Health.*

(Date) January 21st, 1899.

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(A) TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1898, in the County of Somerset Portishead Urban District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.) (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.) (a)	Mortality from all causes, at subjoined ages. At all ages. (b)	Under 1 year. (c)	1 and under 5. (d)	5 and under 15. (e)	15 and under 25. (f)	25 and under 65. (g)	65 and upwards. (h)	(i)	1 Smallpox.	2 Scarlatina.	3 Diphtheria.	4 Membranous Croup.	5 Fevers. Typhus.	6 Enteric or Typhoid.	7 Continued	8 Relapsing	9 Puerperal.	10 Cholera.	11 Erysipelas.	12 Measles.	13 Whooping Cough.	14 Diarrhœa and Dysentery	15 Rheumatic Fever.	16 Phthisis.	17 Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	18 Heart Disease.	19 *	20 Injuries.	21 All Other Diseases.	22 Total.
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The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. *See Note 5 on back.*

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* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. *(a)*, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of Consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*

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(B) *TABLE OF* **POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS,** *coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year* 1898, *in the* Portishead *Urban District; classified according to* DISEASES, AGES *and* LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities. (*See Note 2 on back of sheet.*) (*a.*)	Population at all Ages. Last Census. (*b.*)	Population at all Ages. Estimated to middle of 1898. (*c.*)	Registered Births. (*d.*)	Aged under 5 or over 5. (*e.*)	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health. 1 Smallpox.	2 Scarlatina.	3 Diphtheria.	4 Membranous Croup.	5 Fevers. Typhus.	6 Fevers. Enteric or Typhoid.	7 Fevers. Continued	8 Fevers. Relapsing	9 Fevers. Puerperal	10 Cholera.	11 Erysipelas.	12	13	Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital. 1 Smallpox.	2 Scarlatina.	3 Diphtheria.	4 Membranous Croup.	5 Fevers. Typhus.	6 Fevers. Enteric or Typhoid	7 Fevers. Continued	8 Fevers. Relapsing	9 Fevers. Puerperal	10 Cholera.	11 Erysipelas.	12	13
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State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District Yes. Since when? 1891 Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any other diseases that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the locality in which such Hospital is situated; or if not within the District, state where it is situated Hart Green